

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 908 - HB 998

March 15, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes voter registration up to five days before an election, rather than twenty-nine days. Requires voter registration for a presidential preference primary up to seven days before the election or on the day of the election.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures –

\$15,200/FY15-16 and Every Four Years Thereafter

Increase Local Expenditures –

\$15,200/FY13-14 and Every Four Years Thereafter

\$30,400/FY14-15 and Every Two Years Thereafter

Assumptions:

- Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution of Tennessee requires voters to be registered for a period of time prior to Election Day.
- According to the Division of Elections, this bill as written will allow registration at the county election commission office.
- An average of two additional election officials per office on Election Day.
- According to the Secretary of State, the cost of each election official is \$80.
- An increase in expenditures of \$15,200 per election (95 counties x 2 officials x \$80).
- In FY15-16, the only election held will be the Presidential Preference Primary, the increase in state expenditures will be \$15,200. The county primary will be held with the Presidential Preference Primary; therefore, the state will pay for holding this election. This expenditure will be incurred every four years thereafter.
- An increase in local government expenditures estimated to be \$30,400 (\$15,200 x 2 elections) in FY14-15 and every two years thereafter (based on August and November elections).
- An increase in local government expenditures estimated to be \$15,200 in FY13-14 and every four years thereafter (May election).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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